

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RESTRAINING EXCESSIVE SEIZURE OF PROPERTY THROUGH THE EXPLOITATION OF CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE TOOLS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5523.

In this day and age, the awesome power of the federal government can be difficult to fully appreciate for many citizens. Yet, when that power is used unwisely or unjustly, the consequences can be disastrous for innocent Americans.

My friend and constituent, Mr. Andrew Clyde—for whom this legislation is named—experienced the full might of the federal government in the form of civil asset forfeiture.

Four years ago, the Internal Revenue Service accused Mr. Clyde of structuring his bank deposits in such a way to avoid the \$10,000 threshold reporting requirement of the Bank Secrecy Act of 1986—a law aimed at uncovering illegal drug transactions. Then, with no due process and no evidence, the IRS seized nearly a million dollars from Mr. Clyde.

Mr. Clyde is about as far from a drug dealer as you can get: He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served three combat tours in Iraq, a successful small business owner, and an upstanding citizen in our community.

None of that mattered to the IRS—who employed their powers of civil asset forfeiture to hold Mr. Clyde's money hostage, force him to spend \$100,000 in legal fees, and ultimately surrender \$50,000 just to make the whole outrageous ordeal come to a close.

This flies in the face of due process—one of our Republic's most fundamental liberties.

The IRS has seized tens of millions of dollars from Americans in cases just like this where no criminal activity was even alleged, much less proven in a court of law.

Andrew Clyde and the other men for whom this bill is named—Randy Sowers and brothers Jeffrey, Richard, and Mitch Hirsch—have dedicated themselves to ensuring this injustice will not continue to befall innocent Americans.

H.R. 5523 would limit the IRS's authority to conduct civil asset forfeiture under the Bank Secrecy Act unless the property actually originated from illegal activity or was purposely structured to conceal illegal activity.

I commend the work of the House Ways & Means Committee on this important issue, and I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT OF TRIBES TO STOP THE EXPORT OF CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL PATRIMONY RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 122, the Protection of the Right of Tribes to stop the Export of Cultural and Traditional (PROTECT) Patrimony Resolution. I joined as an original cosponsor of the Resolution, which was introduced by Congressman PEARCE, and I am pleased that it has gathered broad bipartisan support. This resolution is an important first step in resolving an issue for all of Indian Country: protecting Native American cultural objects from removal and trafficking and ensuring their repatriation back to their tribal owners.

There are many tribes located within my district. They, like other tribes around the country, strive to protect their cultural heritage and traditional ways of life. Possession and protection of their cultural objects, including their sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony, is imperative for tribes' cultural practices and their ability to pass those practices down to future generations. These items or objects are distinct from the many wonderful works of tribal arts and crafts that tribes proudly share with the world. Objects of cultural patrimony have such ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance to a tribe that they are considered communally owned and protected as such.

Unfortunately, many seek tribes' cultural objects for their artistic value, not understanding that to tribes they mean so much more. These cultural objects end up being taken from tribes and trafficked domestically and abroad. Once abroad, tribes are forced to fight often-losing battles to regain possession of them.

We as an American people have our own cultural objects deemed so necessary to our identity that they are owned by the people jointly, such as the United States Constitution or the flag that inspired the Star Spangled Banner. If these objects were displayed as art in a private home or sold overseas, we would stand together to call for their return.

Laws like the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act exist to protect Native American cultural objects. However, through practice it has become clear that they are not sufficient to address the tribal loss of objects of cultural patrimony. As such, the PROTECT Patrimony resolution is a step in the right direction.

The PROTECT Patrimony resolution aims to raise awareness of the importance of Native American cultural objects, as well as the proliferation of the removal and trafficking of these objects. It supports Congressional de-

velopment of explicit restrictions on exportation, and it calls on federal agencies to consult with tribes to address the issue. Further still, this resolution calls on local stakeholders to cooperate with tribes and condemn illegal activity.

The PROTECT Patrimony resolution is just the first step to a more comprehensive solution to protect Native American cultural objects from removal and trafficking and to facilitate their repatriation. I urge all my colleagues to stand in strong support of this resolution.

MOBILE WORKFORCE STATE INCOME TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss H.R. 2315. I'm glad to see that the House of Representatives is taking up legislation to address a confusing state income tax issue that is leading to some unfair results. But I am concerned that another issue important to my state is being ignored.

Many states currently face legal limitations on their ability to collect sales tax from out-of-state sellers. With the boom of the internet, economic transactions are increasingly moving online. For states that rely on sales tax revenues to fund state agencies and programs, they've seen a real hit to their balance sheets.

What's worse, we're seeing brick and mortar retail outlets all across the state and country—businesses that have made real investments in their communities—face a competitive disadvantage against online retailers. That means more empty storefronts on Main Street and fewer jobs in local communities.

That's why I've supported efforts to help level the playing field and ensure that Washington retail stores have the ability to compete. The Remote Transactions Parity Act would authorize states to collect sales on products sold to Washingtonians that cross state lines. This bill now has nearly seventy bipartisan cosponsors.

Mr. Speaker, there are very few legislative days left before the end of this Congress. I'd encourage my friends in the majority to make a real effort to address this important issue before we adjourn.

HONORING JOAN MURPHY, LONG-TIME PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joan Murphy, a public servant for more

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than 4 decades, who passed away on September 18, 2016 at the age of 79. She had been fighting breast cancer since 2012 while bravely continuing to serve as a Commissioner on the Cook County Board. During her long service, she was known as a champion for working families and an advocate for greater involvement for women in government.

Born in South Boston, Commissioner Murphy graduated from Massachusetts State Teacher's College. Early in her career she was a flight attendant for United Airlines as well as a real estate broker. She began her long career in public service when she was elected Crestwood's Village Clerk in 1965. She was the first woman elected to that office, and became the first woman elected to be Worth Township Clerk in 1977, a position she held for two terms. She would go on to serve as the Worth Township Supervisor. In 2002 she was elected to represent the 6th District on the Cook County Board of Commissioners and served as the Chairperson for the Labor Committee and the Asset Management Committee.

Commissioner Murphy is survived by her daughter Tricia, her sons, Tim and Tony, and five grandchildren. Her husband Donald passed away from leukemia after 43 years of marriage. She lost her son Donald, Jr. a decade ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Commissioner Joan Murphy, a truly committed public servant. Her long career in government demonstrated her connection to her community and her passion for improving the lives of those she worked for. She will be greatly missed.

HONORING KINDALL HENNING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kindall Henning. Kindall is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 43, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kindall has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kindall has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kindall has led his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader. Kindall has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kindall constructed a Veterans Memorial at the Faucett Community Center in Faucett, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kindall Henning for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND HONOR FLIGHT

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New England Honor Flight organization from Hooksett, New Hampshire. This great organization is our local branch of the National Honor Flight organization that provides our most senior veterans with an expense paid trip to Washington, DC to visit our national war monuments.

The work done by this organization is truly outstanding. So many of our nation's veterans have not had the opportunity to visit Washington, DC to visit the monuments erected to pay honor to their service, and the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives to protect the freedoms and liberties of our great country. Many veterans serve their country and do so humbly and quietly. They seek nothing more than the benefits promised to them by our forefathers, and many do not even pursue that which is entitled to them.

To date, the New England Honor Flight has led 42 flights to Washington, DC, serving 1,474 veterans. Those veterans served include 37 Prisoners of War, 61 women, 21 sets of brothers, and 7 husband and wife couples. Their next flight is scheduled for September 18th and their remaining flights for the year are currently booked with veterans that they will share this emotional experience with.

I am proud to join with my fellow Granite Staters in recognizing the outstanding work the New England Honor Flight is doing to help support and recognize our veterans, and wish them all the best on future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF ALEJANDRO DURAN

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to remember a prominent Long Beach resident, Mr. Alejandro Duran. He was respected and liked by many in the community, known best for his work at the restaurant, Chianina, in Naples. As an experienced chef, sommelier, and general manager, Alejandro's extensive background and personality made him a popular figure within Long Beach's culinary community.

Alejandro's experience with cooking spans over several years. Prior to moving to Long Beach, he worked in Austin, Texas as a chef at the Latin American restaurant, Malaga. Alejandro's entrepreneurial and culinary skills helped project Malaga to prominent success. In 2013, he moved to Long Beach, California and joined the Michael's Restaurant Group as general manager of Chianina.

Alejandro was an active and energetic manager who often enjoyed engaging with customers. He was a respected leader amongst the restaurant staff for constantly motivating and supporting them. Alejandro's devotion to Chianina helped make it one of the top ten steak restaurants in the United States.

The sudden loss of Alejandro has been a devastating blow to the community, Chianina, and his family. He is survived by his wife, Dana—to whom he was happily married for eight years—and two daughters, Isabella and Sofia—to whom he was devoted to raising. Alejandro Duran's passing was sudden and shocking, but he will be remembered for the lasting impact he left on the Long Beach community.

IN MEMORY OF DUANE ACKLIE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Duane Acklie of Lincoln, Nebraska, who passed away on September 17, 2016.

Duane was a successful entrepreneur who built one of America's largest privately-owned trucking companies, but he was even more well-known for his commitment to his community, his state, and his country. Through numerous board memberships, appointments, and philanthropic ventures, he continually gave of himself to benefit the state he loved.

Duane worked tirelessly and humbly at all levels of Nebraska politics for more than 50 years. His influence will undoubtedly be felt for generations to come.

On behalf of all Nebraskans, I extend condolences to Duane's loving wife of 62 years, Phyllis, and their family. Duane will be deeply missed.

CONGRATULATING THE DELANEY FAMILY ON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FAMILY BUSINESS AWARD

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Delaney family of the Delaney Automotive Group in Indiana, PA on earning the Distinguished Family Business Award granted by the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Center for Family Business.

The Distinguished Family Business Award is presented annually to a family that has excelled in industry, contributed to the community, and passed the business to the second generation or beyond. This award was created to increase awareness of the critical role that family-owned businesses play in our communities. As such, it helps honor those who have truly made a difference.

Jack and Susan (Snell) Delaney opened Delaney Chevrolet on July 19, 1971, and have since grown the family business to include a number of other dealerships in the Indiana area. What's more, they have shared their personal successes with the community, as the Delaney Automotive Group now employs more than 360 people across its locations.

Taking over as dealer operators at the Indiana and Greensburg locations were sons Jack and Tom, respectively. The Delaneys also have a daughter, Beth, who is an attorney in